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"We belong to Allah and to Allah we shall return' [Al-Qur'an 2:157]. BUFFALO, NY - July 6, 2022: The Independence Day parade in suburban Chicago on Monday, July 4, turned into an ominous horror-filled site, when a gunman from a rooftop opened fire on the crowd, killing 7 people, wounding at least 30, and left hundreds of marchers, parents with strollers and children on bicycles fleeing in terror and fled.

After an hours-long manhunt in and around Highland Park, an affluent community of about 30,000 on Chicago's north shore, Robert E. Crimo III, 21, was seized, who has confessed to committing the heinous crime and admitted dressing up as a woman to blend in with the crowd before climbing on the roof, looking through his sights and firing down the street with a Smith and Wesson semi-automatic rifle...

After schools, churches, grocery stores and now community parades have all become killing grounds in recent months. This time, the bloodshed came as the nation tried to find cause to celebrate its **Subscribe** 

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we an must stand shoulder to shoulder against frational violence and its hateful propagation. WNYMuslims denounces such appalling acts. We believe that these perpetrators are disconnected from humanity and its obligations. We strongly believe that the misdeeds of a few members don't reflect their whole community. We request the community not to be judgmental and to be patient in this grave situation. "O you who have believed, seek help through patience and prayer. Indeed, Allah is with the patient." (Qur'an, 2:153)

## **About WNY Muslims**

At WNY Muslims, we practice the values of diversity, awareness & service. We believe in uniting and reaching across the lines of religion, ethnicity, language, color, race, and ideology. Through our projects, we connect communities. Our ongoing collaboration with Buffalo Urban Renewal Agency (BURA) & the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA) for Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) and Stand Up Buffalo Rental Assistance PRogram have enabled us to cater to the families financially affected by COVID-19. Recently, we have launched Olive Tree Family Services (OTFS) for families and youth in need. We have been collaboratively working with student groups, marginalized communities, and social welfare organizations to serve and improve the quality of life for all as we believe in creating awareness, encouraging diversity, and providing service.

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